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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING (CIGARETTE) PACKETS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-identified Application, please make the following amendments:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

A<sup>1</sup> 3. (Amended) Process according to Claim 1, **characterized in that** the regions of glue arranged on one side of the material web are offset in the transverse direction in relation to the regions of glue arranged on the other side of the material web, that is to say they are positioned in mutually offset lines or planes.

4. (Amended) Process according to Claim 1, **characterized in that** the non-folded material web, provided with regions of glue on both sides, is drawn off from a reel, and then folded continuously in the longitudinal direction, in particular with a Z-fold (23) and/or a double-layered base strip (29) being formed in the process, the transverse folding of the material web

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